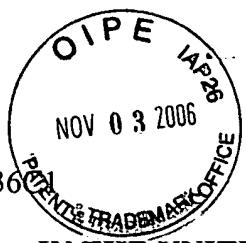


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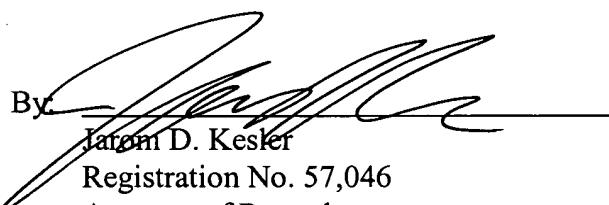
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The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that not all the claims include each of the structures or method steps recited in the Examiner's Statement. Also, the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of any claim rests on the recitation of a single feature because it is the combination of features recited in each claim that makes that claim patentable. Applicant also respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the prior art to the extent that the Examiner has characterized what the prior art does or does not include.

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